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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations

FROM: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Support for the DCI

- In meetings with the DO divisions and most recently with two representatives from NE, I have described several ways in which the DO could provide better support for the DCI in his capacity as senior intelligence advisor to the President. One such way would be current, timely information from the field, both substantive views and atmospherics. I believe it would be useful for the DCI to have the option of beginning his briefings of the President or at NSC meetings by noting that he has been in touch with our Chief of Station in a country (or our COSs in a region) and reporting not only the latest information but also local atmospherics. Too often the DCI has many facts but lacks in his briefing materials a sense of urgency and of current information from the field.
- What is the point of having secure communications equipment (both telephone and cable) and not using it to support the DCI at these meetings? The DCI ought to be armed with the latest views or report from our Chiefs of Station when he walks in to a meeting or to see the President. This will require the closest coordination between the Executive Secretary, the EA/DCI and the Office of the DDO. The reports from the field, need not be long -- just up to the minute, anecdotal and atmospheric, and with whatever insights or thoughts the COS It also is an opportunity for greater exposure for our COSs and their unique contributions in these forums.

Robert M. Gates

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